

The Bee Hive.

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1899

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Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad.

Schedule in effect May 21st, 1899.

Trains leave Fredericksburg for Washington.

5:12 A. M. daily.

5:36 A. M. daily except Sunday, local, to Quantico only.

5:58 A. M. daily except Sunday.

6:12 P. M. daily except Sunday. Does not stop at Fredericksburg and Quantico.

6:36 P. M. daily.

Leave Southward.

6:58 A. M. daily. Stops only at Milford, Quantico and Ashland, week days. Makes all local stops.

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Local and Current Comments.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Leitch, of Liberty, Mo., are visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holladay, of Lewisport, Spotsylvania county, were in the city yesterday.

Sale of Caroline land. See notice of Thos. N. Welch and Thos. P. Wallace, commissioners.

A new office has been established at La Grange, Culpeper county, with Charles E. Payne as postmaster.

Mr. B. F. Graves, of Spotsylvania, was among the visitors at The Free Lance office Thursday.

Last Saturday Mr. W. T. Wigginton ground the first new wheat this season at Kellig's mill, in Stafford county.

Miss Gracie E. Powell, of Loudoun, is among the late arrivals to attend the Normal and is the guest of Mrs. M. S. Chancellor.

Beautiful gingham, figured pique, check muslin, dotted muslin and wash goods of all kinds now being opened at E. T. Baker's.

Our popular ex-Postmaster H. H. Wallace has been elected a director in the National Bank here to succeed the late Hon. Jacob Toms.

Mr. T. R. Garrison, the well-known merchant of Garrisonville, Stafford county, was in the city on business Thursday and a welcome caller at the Free Lance office.

New line of Ladies Muslin Underwear, beautiful New Gowns just out of the factory. Every garment a bargain. Come and see them, at T. N. Brent's.

Rev. W. J. Morton, of Tappanhook, has been tendered a call to St. Paul's, the King George O. H. and Port Conway Episcopal churches, which he has under consideration.

Mr. W. T. Smith, of the Davis Photograph Gallery, will accept our thanks for a handsome picture of the Collins monument, at Chancellorsville, surrounded by a group of the Collins' Zouaves.

Mr. Henry L. Biscoe, of Spotsylvania, made 575 bushels of wheat this year from 28 1/2 acres of land, over 20 bushels to the acre. Mr. B. says the yield from amount of straw on land generally is large.

Secretary J. Jenkin Davies, of the Prince William Horseman's Association, will accept our thanks for a complimentary ticket to the horse show which takes place at Manassas, July 10th and 11th.

You will find at Hall's Drug Store the most complete assortment of stock room requisites. Hot water bottles, air pillows, bed pans, s. f. rubber face bottles, atomizers and all appliances needed either by physician or patient.

Mr. R. L. Biscoe, of the county, was considerably bruised but not seriously hurt in a runaway accident last Tuesday. His horse hitched to a buggy became frightened, ran away and overturned the vehicle. The horse was also injured.

Railroad Route Being Surveyed.

For some time engineers have been at work surveying a route for a proposed railroad northward through Hanover, Caroline, and Spotsylvania. The party have reached Fredericksburg, but are as dumb as oysters so far as any information can be obtained. It is the general belief that the survey is being made by the Seaboard Air Line. J. Skelton Williams, president. This road has secured the North Carolina road to Richmond and now it is believed are looking for a connection at Washington. The route surveyed will strike Fredericksburg about Alart & McGuire's Pickle Factory and along the valley, through E. D. Cole's lot on Hanover street, thence south of the Cemetery and around the Washington Monument to the Silk Mills, crossing the Rappahannock River, above French John's Wharf, into Stafford. What the route will be thence will be determined as the survey is made.

Fourth of July and 4th we will sell round trip tickets to Washington, Alexandria and all points on the R. F. & P. R. R. Fare to Washington \$2.20, Alexandria \$1.95 and to Richmond \$2.60. Tickets will be good going only on date of sale, and for continuous passage in each direction. Final limit to return July 7th, 1899.

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A Rare Compliment.

Messrs. Charles H. Horkamp and Duff Green, of Fredericksburg, Va., were on Wednesday the recipients of a beautiful hand-painted blue ribbon in honor of the perfect performance of their handsome show-ring jumper "Amaret." In the heavyweight jumping class at the Upperville Horse Show June 15th instant. This ribbon was presented by a beautiful Faugquier girl as an expression of the sentiment of the vast audience present, and is more appreciated than any ribbon ever won by them in the show-ring. It is indeed a rare compliment where an audience should show such a universal expression of sentiment.

Slaughter-Williams.

The home of Mr. George M. Williams, known as Redwood, near Culpeper, was the scene Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock of a quiet, but very beautiful home wedding when Miss Lucy Pendleton Williams became the bride of Mr. Edwin L. Slaughter, formerly of that county, but now of Baltimore.

Fredericksburg, Va., June 30th, 1899.

The R. F. & P. freight depot will be closed on July 4th, 1899.

C. C. Cox, Agent.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for years and always with good results," says Mr. W. B. Cooper of El Rio, Cal. "For small children we find it especially effective." For sale by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

It has been decided to give General Otis an effective fighting force of 30,000 men during the rainy season in the Philippines.

Captain P. H. McCaull, of the U. S. Quartermaster's Department, who for eight months was in command of the United States transport Melale, and was mustered out about a month ago, has been reappointed in the regular volunteer service, and assigned to his old post.

Straw and Chaff Burned.

Mr. M. F. Waite had just finished threshing his wheat on his farm, in Spotsylvania, near Brookingsburg, Thursday, when a spark from the engine set fire to the straw and chaff entirely destroying it. The wheat was saved.

CITY COUNCIL.

Last Meeting For Fiscal Year 1898-99.

The last meeting of the City Council for the fiscal year 1898-99 was held in Council Chamber Thursday night for the purpose of receiving reports of committees and determining upon levy for 99-1900.

Present—Mayor Rowe, presiding. Councilmen Willis, Wroten, Bradley, Embrey, Rowe, Cole, Harkamp, Gouldman, Lane, Knight, Chancellor, and McCracken.

Mr. Wroten, of Public Property, reported expenditure for year, \$1,545.70, an excess of appropriation of \$370.70, which amount, on motion of Mr. Willis, was ordered to credit of committee.

Mr. H. B. Lane, of Ordinances, reported amount expended \$126.16. He also reported that the city ordinances and history of Fredericksburg were ready for printing and binding, and that the work could not be completed before August, and asked that the time of the new ordinances going into effect be extended from July 1, to Sept. 1, which, on motion of Mr. Knight, was so ordered.

Mr. McCracken, of Light, reported gross receipts from Gas, \$9,538.01, expenditures \$7,405.50, which includes interest on bonds, showing net revenue of \$2,132.51. Amount paid Rappahannock Electric Light Company for electric light, \$2,444.73.

When Chairman McCracken had finished reading his report Mr. Cole said: "Capt McCracken has been much complaint among our coal dealers that the bids for coal used by the gas works the past year were not advertised and that they did not have a chance to compete for furnishing coal to the Corporation and that you bought the coal from Richmond parties. Is that so?"

Mr. Cole said: "Mr. J. R. Leitch," answered, Mr. Cole. Capt. McCracken—"A part of this is true and a portion untrue. This matter has been brought to my attention before by my friend, Mr. Bradley, who informed me that certain reports were being circulated as to this coal contract and I will not say in as emphatic terms, as I then asked him to convey my reply to his informant but I will say that in the whole transaction I have had the hearty co-operation of my committee—Messrs Rowe and Knight—and that the city of Fredericksburg has saved over 40 cents per ton by our buying the coal from the O & O R R at the prices named when the contract was made. I will state the transaction and let the Council judge how the committee has acted for the interests of Fredericksburg taxpayers."

Last year I received a letter from the Pennsylvania Coal Company asking me, as chairman, why they, whose coal we had been using, could not furnish as coal direct instead of through a third party. I replied that the committee would be pleased to have a proposition from them. I understood that J. R. Leitch & Co. were the agents for the concern. A few days later I, laughing, asked Mr. Leitch why he had given up the agency for the coal, and told him I had received a proposition from the company. Mr. Leitch shortly after went North to see the parties, and in a short time I received a notice from the company that any transactions for coal must be made through J. R. Leitch & Co. This made no material difference to the committee, as we knew that there was equally as good coal sold from other mines.

We then notified the coal dealers, of the city, who deal in the coal we wanted. Messrs Wallace & Bro., Jas. R. Leitch & Co., and B. J. Marshall, that we would receive bids for coal for the works, and would list the quality of each. Mr. Marshall declined to bid. Messrs Wallace & Co. furnished us several cars of Allegheny coal and Leitch & Co. several cars of Pennsylvania coal for which we paid them \$3.75 per ton.

In the meantime we had received a letter from the C. O. R. R. Co. that they would furnish us coal delivered here for \$3.00 per ton which cost us at the Gas Works \$3.30. We bought several cars of this and a test was made of all these kinds of coal and a record kept. We found equally as good results were obtained from the C. O. R. Co. coal and we made a contract with them. We did not advertise for bids for coal, but bought from the parties named car loads as above and supposed that was their price. This is a statement of the facts and I leave it to the Council if the committee has not acted in the interest of the taxpayers."

"Is it true Mr. McCracken that Wallace & Bro. made you a less bid than you are paying," said Mr. Cole. "Yes," said Mr. McCracken, that is true, but it was after the contract was made and I would sooner resign my seat in the Council than I would go back on a contract when I make it. I wish to say further that it was reported that the party with whom I made the contract was a relative of mine. I merely desire to state that this is untrue. Since I have been a member of this body I have carefully refrained from selling anything to the city for the use of the committee to which I belong. I desire to notice that this is not generally done."

Mr. Cole—"I suppose that is a fling at me. I have never bid for any contract work of this council, but I claim the right to sell anything I wish over my counter for the city's use. I have consulted counsel in this matter and he sustains me."

Mr. Embrey complimented Chairman McCracken on the action of the committee in the case, and said everything had been done in a business like manner, to the interest of the taxpayers.

Mr. M. S. Chancellor, of Fire Department, reported expenditures for year \$45.70, which was \$4.30 less than appropriation.

Mr. W. H. Harkamp, of Auditing and Claims, submitted report, which was incorporated in the Finance report.

Mr. J. T. Knight, of Health and Police, reported total number of arrests for year 978, of which 387 were tramps. The number of tramps driven out of the city since February 5, '99, 1,125.

Mr. Willis then submitted the Finance Committee's report, which will be published on Tuesday.

Mr. Knight, of Health, reported in

bad condition the Basin at the upper end of the city, also the lot of land near steamboat wharf in bad condition, and submitted a plan from Engineer S. Sydney Bradford for abating the nuisance.

Mr. Embrey spoke at length as to the land near the steamboat wharf. He said it was government property, that they leased it for dumping ground for the sand taken out of the river—that when a freshet came the sand was washed back into the river and holes made where the water stood and became stagnant. He was very emphatic in his condemnation of the methods pursued by the government contractors in dredging the river, that he did not believe that any other body but the Council of this city would sit supinely by and let the work go on as it has for years; that instead of dyking the channel and throwing the sand on the banks, to be washed away again, it should be carried away and the point at Bernard's bend cut off and the river straightened so as to prevent damming up when ice breaks up, &c.

On motion of Mr. Willis the Mayor was directed to inform the owners of property as to its condition and have the nuisance abated.

The Council then adjourned.

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Don't forget the place.

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MARRIAGE IN KING GEORGE.

Peyton-Owens.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Bethaville, Va., June 27, 1899.

Miss Emma S. Owens, daughter of Mr. Richard H. Owens, was married to Mr. Charles H. Peyton, a prominent citizen of King George county, Va., at Oakland Baptist church on Sunday, June 25th, at 8 p. m. Rev. O. Elliston, of Washington, officiating.

The church was beautifully decorated and special music was rendered by Miss Beattie Owens. Miss Carrie H. Owens, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. Richard S. Owens, cousin of the bride, best man.

The ushers were Messrs. L. N. Hoge, Jr., J. O. Peed, Bowie Grigsby and Bennie Newton, all of the county.

The bride was gowned in white organdie over pink. The maid of honor wore white organdie over pink ribbons. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

We wish the young couple a long, happy and prosperous life.

\$100 Reward. \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to medical fraternity. Catarrh being constitutional disease requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for List of Testimonials.

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Macaroni 8c.

Plain and Mixed Candy 7c. lb.

Large box Lye 8c.

Lump Starch 4c. lb.

Alabaster Starch, with Bleaching Wax 1c. package.

Corn Search 4c.

Large boxes Matches 3c. dozen (3 dozen for 25c.)

Wooden Wash Boards 8c.

Clothes Pins 1c. dozen

Cobbler's Shoe Nails 3c. box

Link 3c. bottle.

Envelopes 3c. package.

Paper 3 and 4c. quite.

Armour's Key Soap 2 for 5c.

Our Favorite Soap, 12 bars for 25c.

This an old well seasoned soap and only limited quantity in stock and cannot be sold again at the price.

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